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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

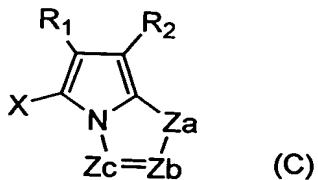
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-20.

Add the following new claims

21. (new): A method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material by using at least one type of a compound represented by the following general formula (C):



wherein Za represents -NH- or -CH(R₃)-; Zb and Zc independently represent -C(R₄)= or -N=; R₁, R₂, and R₃ independently represent an electron attractive group having a Hammett constant σ_P value of 0.2 to 1.0; R₄ represents a hydrogen atom or substituent wherein when there are two R₄ in the formula, they may be the same or different; and X represents a hydrogen atom or substituent.

22. (new): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the addition of the compound represented by the general formula (C) changes a film pAg (Δ pAg_F) of the silver halide color photosensitive material by 0 to 0.3.

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23. (new): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (C) has a pKa value of 6.0 to 8.4.
24. (new): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the general formula (C) has a reactivity (CRV) with an oxidized color developing agent of 0.01 to 0.1.
25. (new): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises adding, to a red-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer of the silver halide color photosensitive material, the compound represented by the general formula (C), wherein R₁, R₂, Za, Zb and Zc have the same meanings as those in claim 1, respectively.
26. (new): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises adding, to a blue-sensitive silver halide emulsion layer of the silver halide color photosensitive material, the compound represented by the general formula (C) , wherein R₁, R₂, Za, Zb and Zc have the same meanings as those in claim 1, respectively.
27. (new): The method of increasing speed of a silver halide color photosensitive material according to claim 1, wherein a layer of the photosensitive material containing tabular grains having an average aspect ratio of 8 or more, contains at least one compound represented by the general formula (C) described in claim 1.